

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and (with the Rest of the Members of the Lower House) went to the Council Chamber; where his Excellency made the following SPEECH, viz.

GENTLEMEN of the Upper and Lower Houses of ASSEMBLY,

YOU are at this Time Convened, in Consequence of a Letter which I lately received from the Officer Commanding his Majesty's Forces on Lake *Erie* and the River *Ohio*, wherein, after intimating that the Service of the Regular Troops commanded by his Excellency General AMHERST will be wanted in some other Quarter, he signifies to me, that for the Support of his Majesty's Rights on that Lake and River, it will be absolutely necessary, that this Province should furnish at least Two Hundred Men, with a proportionate Number of Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers, who, together with the Provincial Troops in the Pay of the neighbouring Colonies, may be employed in Garrisoning his Majesty's Forts in that Department. Such, Gentlemen, are the Contents of General MONCKTON's Letter, which it is my Duty to recommend to your immediate Consideration; and as the Service that you are desired to provide for, is so very essential, and the General's Requisition may be so easily complied with, I flatter myself you will most cheerfully embrace the Opportunity that is now given you of contributing towards the Preservation of his Majesty's Rights in this Part of *America*, and of removing, in some Degree, the unfavourable Opinion, which the Measures that have for some Time been unhappily pursued here, have inclined many, besides his Majesty's Generals on this Continent, to entertain of the People of *Maryland*.

If, Gentlemen, after you have made Provision for the Service which I have recommended to your Consideration, you shall think fit to proceed to other Business, you may be assured of my ready Concurrence in any Measure likely to promote the Ease, Interest, and Prosperity of the Inhabitants of this Province.

Mr. Speaker (with the Rest of the Members of the Lower House) returned, and re-assumed the Chair.

Mr. *Matthew Tilghman*, a Delegate Elected by the Freeholders of *Queen-Anne's County* to serve in the General Assembly of this Province, and Mr. *William Thomas*, a Delegate Elected by the Freeholders of *St. Mary's County*, appeared in the House:

Ordered, That Mr. *Lloyd* and Mr. *Sethoron* do go with those Gentlemen to the Upper House, to see them there Qualified. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That they saw them Qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentlemen took their Seats in the House.

On Motion, Ordered, That the Governor's Speech (a Copy of which he delivered to Mr. Speaker) be Read by the Clerk; which being Read the first and second Time, Ordered, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency in Answer to his Speech; and that Colonel *Tilghman*, Mr. *Charles Goldsborough*, Mr. *Murdock*, Mr. *Matthew Tilghman*, and Mr. *Carroll*, do prepare and bring in an Address accordingly.

On Motion, Resolved, That the Hours of Sitting this Session, for Dispatch of Public Business, be from Nine of the Clock before Noon until Twelve, and from Two of the Clock Afternoon until Five.

On Motion, Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Deputy Secretary of this Province, to make out Writs directed to the Sheriffs of *Anne-Arundel*, *Kent*, *Cæcil*, and *Charles*, Counties, to cause Delegates to be Elected for the said Counties, in the Room of Messieurs *Philip Hammond*, *Alexander Williamson*, *Henry Wara*, and *Arthur Lee*, late Delegates, Deceased.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dulany* do acquaint the Reverend Mr. *Alexander Williamson*, That he is requested by this House to Read Divine Service, during this Session, at a Quarter before Nine of the Clock in the Morning, and at Five of the Clock Afternoon.

The House appointed Mr. *Carroll*, Mr. *Murdock*, Mr. *Lloyd*, Mr. *John Goldsborough*, and Mr. *Matthew Tilghman*, a Committee of Elections and Privileges.

Mr. *Murdock*, Mr. *Gaffaway*, Mr. *Govane*, Major *Hynson*, Col. *Travers*, Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *John Goldsborough*, and Col. *Crisp*, a Committee of Accounts.

Mr. *Murdock*, Mr. *Carroll*, Mr. *Tilghman*, Mr. *Lloyd*, Mr. *Gaffaway*, Mr. *Charles Goldsborough*, and Mr. *Matthew Tilghman*, a Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Mr. *Fraser*, Col. *Crisp*, Capt. *Chapline*, Capt. *King*, and Mr. *Stoddert*, a Committee to enquire into the State and Condition of the Arms and Ammunition, and Accounts relating thereto.

Mr. *Lloyd*, Mr. *Dulany*, Mr. *Earle*, Mr. *Worthington*, Mr. *Hanson*, and Mr. *Stoddert*, a Committee to Inspect the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners or Trustees for Emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly.

Col. *Tilghman*, Mr. *Lloyd*, Mr. *Carroll*, Mr. *Murdock*, Mr. *Govane*, and Capt. *King*, a Committee to Inspect the Public Offices.

The following Message;

By